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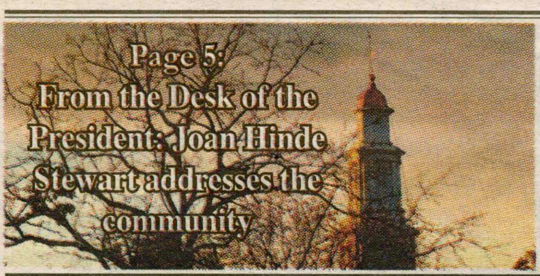

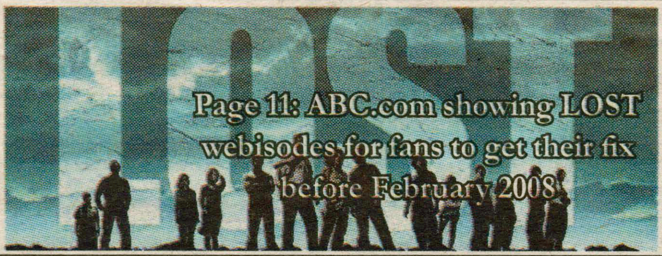

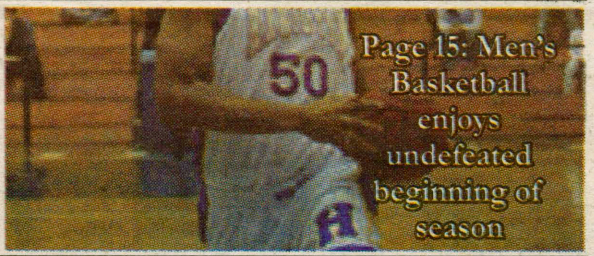

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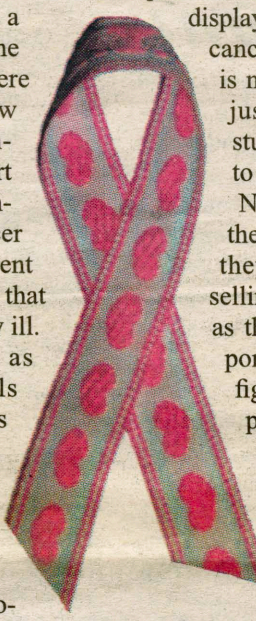
Bon Appetit Staff for Breast Cancer Awareness

by Alicia Wright '09
News Writer

Every day the Bon Appetit Staff works tirelessly to ensure that every Hamilton student has hot and healthy meals. The staff always shows a special interest in the lives of the students here on the Hill, and now manager Kathi Randall needs the support of her students. Randall has breast cancer and recently underwent a difficult operation that has left her extremely ill.



The checkers, as Marge Petteys calls herself and the others that greet each person that enters the doors of the dining hall, along with other workers in Commons, have come together to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Petteys, Anna Lavair, Eva Kimball, Kathy Howe, and Krista Lambert all are working hard to promote the project. They are selling handmade, pink bows to be worn as pins to display your support of breast cancer awareness. There is no price for the bows, just whatever amount students want to donate to the cause.

No timeline exists for the project. Petteys says they want to continue selling the ribbons as long as they can to show support for Randall and her fight against cancer. The project began in order to raise money for Randall to provide her with some much needed items for her comfort after her painful surgery. Now, the project is geared to raise money for awareness.

All the proceeds that Petteys and the staff earn will be donated to breast cancer awareness in the name of Hamilton College and Kathi Randall. Randall will present the funds, although the date is yet to be determined as Marge and the others want to continue earning as much as possible. Every cent of the money raised goes towards the awareness campaign. Pettey says "none of the money goes to making the bows" because she feels that it is a small price for her to make the bows when the students and faculty can make an even greater impact by supporting breast cancer awareness.

Petteys stresses that she would really like for all the students to know about the awareness campaign "because it is very, very important to us." The staff of Bon Appetit provides for the Hamilton community everyday by providing hot meals, therefore it is only natural to support Kathi Randall in her battle against breast cancer. Anyone who wants to support the campaign should ask the card checker in Commons for a bow and donate to the breast cancer awareness campaign.

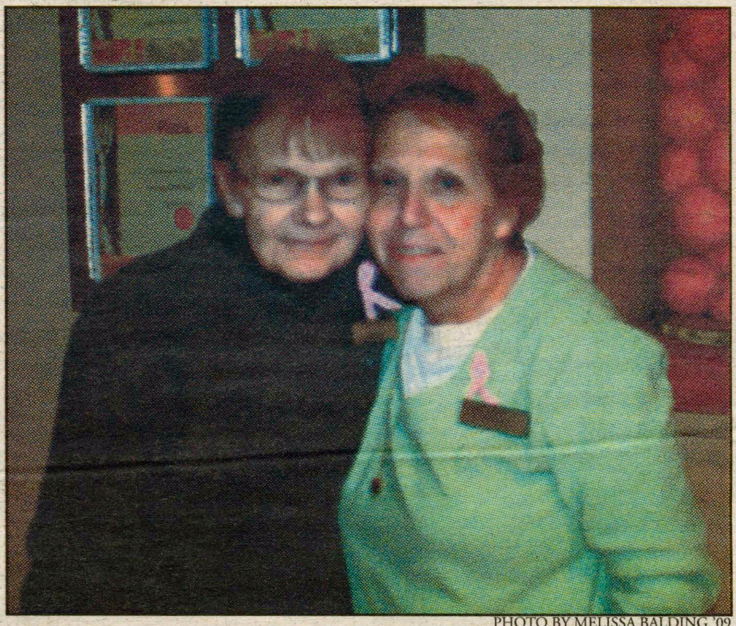


PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

The checkers at Commons are raising awareness about breast cancer and support for colleague Kathi Randall.

Faculty Panel on the 2008 Election

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

For the past few weeks Democracy Matters has been registering voters for the upcoming primary elections. On Monday November 19, the student organization invited five professors associated with the government department to speak on issues surrounding the election.

President of Democracy Matters Kevin Rowe '10 introduced the panel and said, "this discussion will help inform your decision or vote in the 2008 election." Each member of the panel spoke to a small gathering in the chapel for approximately five minutes on topics ranging from campaign finance to climate change.

First, Associate Professor of Government Robert Martin discussed campaign finance. He said that he wanted the audience to be able to think historically and theoretically in regards to the election. Martin compared recent elections to past elections, and said that in the past groups used to be regulated by monetary limits and disclosure laws to reduce fraud. However, with the advent of soft money, in which funds are given to parties, keeping track of money has become more difficult and there has been a reduction in accountability. Martin concluded by asking, "Is this anyway to run the world's oldest modern democracy?"

Next, Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Nicholas Tampio spoke about American-Islamic relations, something that has come up in the news quite frequently. He focused mainly on the difference in policies between Clinton and Guliani in regards to this issue. Tampio stated that Guliani wants to instill fear in our enemies while Clinton wants appeal to higher values and elevate the United States' moral stature in the world. Tampio compared more specific aspects of Guilani's and Clinton's viewpoints. For example Guliani wants to leave Iraq and go into Afghanistan to try and oust Al Qaida in a fight against terrorism. Clinton, on the other hand, wants to withdraw forces immediately from Iraq and give aid to Iran if the country meets certain standards. Clinton, overall, wants to live up to our higher ideals and learn Arabic so as to better our foreign relations. Tampio concluded by saying that he believes it is our "duty to make the situation better. I agree with Hillary; we should live up to our higher ideals."

The third speaker was Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Peter Cannavo, who disussed the topic of climate

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HALT Emphasizes Connection

by Danielle Sclafani '08
News Contributor

As senior year approaches many students may begin to wonder and worry about what role Hamilton will play in their lives after they graduate. Many students want to remain connected to Hamilton and to the people they have met in their four years of college. At monthly business luncheons members of HALT (Hamilton Alumni Leadership Training) meet to address this very issue, brainstorming ideas for how members of their class can stay connected to one another after graduation. On Tuesday, November 13 HALT members attended the second business luncheon of the academic year, and Bette Mammone, an expert grant writer and philanthropist, spoke to the group about networking and the importance of maintaining personal connections.

Mammone gave the seniors in attendance wise advice about staying linked to Hamilton after graduation. "Don't lose touch with your friends; they are your first line of communication with the college," urged Mammone. When people are confronted with major life decisions, such as deciding what career to pursue or whether to go to graduate school, they are tempted to avoid personal connection, but Mammone warned students to not fall into this trap. "Whether you call, e-mail, or text message, there is nothing that can replace contact with classmates. College afforded you a network of offerings and experiences . . .strength is built one person at a time," she said.

While technology changes a lot, according to Mammone, the one thing that never changes about college experiences is the relationships. Mammone described the common pattern of college students after graduation. "[They remain] in touch with each other in their 20s, but as students get married, their connections thin. In their 40s, their kids are in school and they have other priorities." Mammone urged students to find the phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or home addresses of their peers and to use them.

Although we have all the tools we need to stay personally connected to our classmates, but we cannot rely solely on technology to keep a connection strong. "Technology is a tool, not a replacement," explained Mammone. Mammone advised students to use e-mail, text messaging, and AIM to get conversations with Hamilton peers flowing, but to not stop there. It is critical to follow through with initiated conversations with personal contact of some sort. Eating lunch together or finding another creative solution to stay connected is invaluable.

To effectively maintain a relationship there is nothing that can replace a personal interaction with someone. Similarly, when networking with alums "don't compromise your first impression," Mammone warned. "E-mail negates courtesies. Distinguish yourself differently and always write a personal note and follow-up with an e-mail." When networking, a personal act of some sort can make all the difference.

In addition to giving advice about staying connected to classmates, Mammone also gave suggestions to seniors about how to best build networks and find jobs. "Create a job," she said. "Connect with professors and create your own opportunities. Use the career center. While you are still [at Hamilton], find connections and develop something about yourself." She gave an example of great social entrepreneurship opportunities for college students. "There is a trend in the U.S. now in which we reward innovative ideas," she said. Mammone suggested students check out www.echoinggreen.org, to find projects in reverse philanthropy and social entrepreneurship or www.idealist.org, Action Without Borders, which is a website that promotes not-for-profit jobs as starting places for their futures.

Bette Mammone gave HALT students advice about networking and staying personally connected. She advised students to talk to their professors now so they can be rewarded for their innovative ideas. Be a social entrepre

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Students Prepare for Zombie Uprising

by Scott Bixby '11
News Writer

Sometime around eight o'clock Saturday morning, Hamilton College will experience a first in its nearly two hundred-year history: a horrifying attack of flesh-eating mutant zombies. Armed with little more than Nerf-brand weaponry and hand grenades fashioned from socks, a small group of Hamilton students will face off against the undead hordes, fighting infection by a deadly virus in an uphill battle to avert the apocalypse.

This is Humans vs. Zombies, or 'HvZ' for short, the ultimate adaptation of the schoolyard classic 'tag', where designated 'humans' avoid capture and infection from designated 'zombie' players long enough to await a zombie extinction by starvation, all while attempting high-risk missions to further weaken the zombie enemy. Expect scenes torn from the gory world of George A. Romero's celluloid zombies to play out across campus, minus the brain consumption.

Invented in 2005 by Brad Sappington and Chris Weed of Goucher College in Baltimore, the game has spread to hundreds of college campuses around the country, helped with newfound zombie popularity in movies such as *Shaun of the Dead* and *28 Days Later* and the video game *Dead Rising*. Nearly sixty Hamilton students have joined the Facebook group, and forty players have registered with the Hamilton College HvZ website, hvzhamilton.com, with time left for registration until the onslaught begins at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Many Hamilton students are thrilled with the prospect of fighting for humanity's survival. "I'm really excited! I'm getting my gun tomorrow," said Emi Katsuta '11. "I think it's a great way to deal with the stress of next week's finals." Some students view the timing of the game the week before fall semester exams as more than just fortuitous; according to Katie McGuire '11, "I'm saving my brain from zombies this week only to have it be destroyed by exams next week."

A Hamilton-wide rush for ammunition began soon after the all-campus e-mail detailing the game was sent out by game director Andrew Boddorff '10. Indeed, the New Hartford Wal-Mart and Target locations have seen a surge in the sales of Nerf guns and cheap socks, essential tools for the human team. Zombies, on the other hand, are armed only with the innate fear that strikes the living when presented with a zombie. Both teams are marked with bandanas, to prevent innocent bystaders from being accidentally attacked. The original rules of the game call for the zombie players to move only in a uniquely undead shuffle, but given the freezing temperatures unique to the Hill, this rule has been abandoned, as has the stipulation that teams of zombies communicate only with one word: 'brains.'

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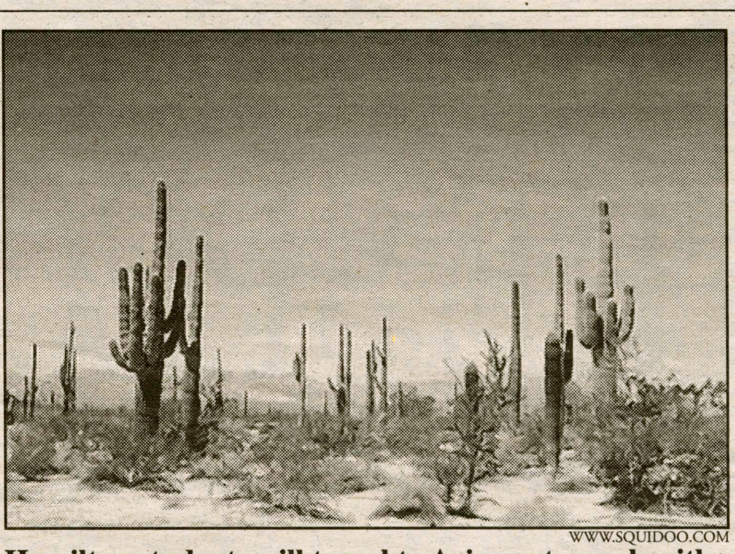
Dawn of the Dead: Humans vs. Zombies will begin on Hamilton campus at 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

In rules carefully shaped with the oversight of the administration, the use of Nerf guns and socks will ensure safety of the students and the avoidance of confrontations with local law enforcement, a misunderstanding that occurred at Cornell University last year when police witnessed what they believed to be a cannibalistic assault on a student.

Members of the community not participating in HvZ need not worry about being used as pawns in the war between the living and the undead; in the official rules of the game, the use of out-of-game students as human shields, lackeys, or target practice is expressly prohibited, as is pistol-whipping and using socks as melee weapons.

Those interested in joining the fun are free to register on the website and participate in the LateNite kickoff event in the Barn at 10 o'clock tonight.



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Hamilton students will travel to Arizona to work with humanitarian organization No More Deaths.

Student Samaritans Travel to Arizona

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

On January 7, 2008, about 20 students will travel to Tucson, Arizona, to help migrants crossing the border and to learn firsthand about the social, moral and economic implications of immigration policies. The students will spend two weeks working with No More Deaths, an organization dedicated to providing humanitarian aid and bringing food and water to migrants crossing the United States and Mexican border. After the trip, the students will conduct an awareness symposium about their experiences working with border justice and migrant issues.

The leaders of the trip were inspired by the lack of Congressional legislation about migration into the United States. As addressed in the trip's funding proposal, 238 people have died crossing the border in 2007 alone.

Students, who will document their experiences in journals, will participate in patrols down migrant trails, leaving gallons of water at major intersections or rest stops. They will offer water, food, and first aid to migrants. No More Death has an agreement with law enforcement agencies in the area that allows them to legally give humanitarian aid. Students will be working closely with Danielle Alvarado, the volunteer coordinator for No More Deaths.

When students arrive in Tucson, they will attend a four-hour training session. This includes a seminar about the history of the border region, medical training, training on what actions to take in the desert and migrant camps, and a "de-constructing privilege" training session. When not working in the desert, the group plans to meet with representatives from organizations devoted to border and justice issues, such as Humane Borders, Christian Peacemaker Teams, and the Border Action Network. They also plan to visit a local high school to discuss border justice issues with Arizona students.

The group will be hosting a bake sale next week to raise funds for their service trip. For more information visit www.nomoredeaths.org or email mjreed@hamilton.edu

HALT Initiative

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neur: Visit www.idealist.org and www.echoinggreen.org for more information.

HALT is an initiative to train members of the senior class as alumni leaders. This year's HALT members currently serve on one of four subcommittees, Print Publications, Strategic Planning, Publicity and Recruitment, and Website Production; all members of this year's HALT team are working to make the program more well-known among students and to increase campus awareness of its goal and purpose.

The leaders of HALT this year are Amy Brown and Emily Tang. Class of 2008 members are: Katie Berlent, Marley Berns, Toni Bullock, Rachel Cannon, Marisa Clemente, Grace Dobbyn, Rani Doyon, Gabi Ghimis, Ned Giliss, Tumelano Gopolang, Za Jafri, Bill Kearney, Whitney Kimmel, Melissa Kong, Jenna Lally, Jack Li, Abhishek Maity, Bridget Moore, Chris Moore, Anne Murphy, Ryan M. Murphy, Hilary Nitka, Maggi Noonan, Maureen O'Brien, Katie Painter, Emily Pallin, Daniela Pfister, Katie Plummer, Quinn Plunkett, Apolon Polonski, Pragyan Pradhan, Felix Ramirez, Danielle Sclafani, Nathan Vandergrift, Michael Viveiros, Kateri Whitebean, and Magda Wierzbicka.

The next HALT luncheon will take place on Monday, December 3. Students will be meeting with Sue Donegan of Admissions and Liz Bowman of Regional Events. If you are interested in the HALT initiative and want to learn more about the program, contact Amy Brown (aebrown), Emily Tang (etang), or Dave Steadman, '03 (dsteadma) or talk to any of the current HALT members.

Faculty Discuss Elections

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and the environment. He believes that this is "the largest, most significant issue we are facing" and "one of the greatest challenges facing the human race today." He revealed figures proposed by the International Panel on Climate Change. Greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide will have to decrease 50 to 85 percent by 2050. There has been a calculated rise in sea levels, destruction of ecosystems, as well as intense flooding and temperature increases. Recently there has been an increase in concern about global warming issues because of the Kyoto Treaty, Hurricane Katrina, and Al Gore's environmental campaign. This awareness has also been helped by the recent democratic takeover in Congress.

Associate Professor of Government and Director of the Hamilton Public Policy Program Paul G. Wyckoff spoke about "your pocketbook," and started by saying, "don't vote your pocketbook…because that would be the irrational and unfair thing to do." He gave a detailed list of some things to remember. First, remember macroeconomics; the government wants to stimulate the economy when things are bad and calm it down when things are good so timing is everything. Second, be reminded of the interdependence of The Fed. Lastly, we are a debtor nation; we have stopped saving and base too many things on credit. Wyckoff continued by saying that the Federal government has borrowed too much money from Japan and China and real interest payments are going to be a burden to future generations. Wyckoff concluded saying, "Instead of thinking about your pocketbooks, think about other things your candidates could effect."

Lastly, Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier spoke about taxes and fiscal policy. He started by discussing the alternative minimum tax, which caught many billionaires who were not paying much in taxes because there were so many loopholes in the system. He went on to bring up the topic of property taxes. "Both political parties want to do away with it, but getting rid of it is very expensive," Eismeier stated. He also discussed social security and said that there is even variation on the democratic side on this issue. For example, Obama wants to get rid of the cap on social security, while Clinton does not support this. And, "to end on a gloomy note," Eismeier brought up the issue of the cost of medicare and said that no one is going to propose anything serious about it in the near future.

What You Can Do: Fighting Prejudice

by Kye Lippold '10
Insights & Ideas Writer

This semester, we've heard a lot about intolerance. In October, President Joan Hinde Stewart informed the campus about a vandal scrawling racist comments on a student's car. The Social Justice Initiative has held several Coffee Hours about campus climate which were attended by numerous students and faculty. At the start of November, incidents of assault on Hamilton students provoked a front-page response in the *Spectator*, and the *Daily Bull* and *Duel Observer* have both commented on racism and homophobia. Clearly, the campus is concerned.

Many on campus are determined to reverse what they see as a shift in Hamilton's colloquial atmosphere. The Social Justice Initiative created an incident report form in late October that was made available to the entire campus to submit anonymously. The 35 completed survey responses describe shocking examples of prejudice and provide a glimpse of what needs to be changed at Hamilton. The sidebar shares their stories.

As human beings seeking a just society, we cannot allow this kind of intolerance. But looking beyond justice, knowing how to live in a diverse environment is vital to all of our futures. In their legal brief to the 2003 Supreme Court case *Grutter v. Bollinger*, which decided that diversity could be a compelling interest for universities, twenty Fortune 500 companies (including 3M, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, Proctor & Gamble, Dow Chemical, Bank One, General Mills, Kodak, and Texaco) stated the following:

"For... students to realize their potential as leaders, it is essential that they be educated in an environment where they are exposed to diverse ideas, perspectives, and interactions. In the experience of the [petitioning] corporations, today's global marketplace and the increasing diversity in the American population demand the cross-cultural experience and understanding gained from such an education."

Some of the best-known corporations in the world, corporations that many Hamilton students aspire to join, have made their expectations clear: students must know how to deal with other cultures. This knowledge goes beyond learning to "play nice with others;" it demands that we take active steps to become educated about different experiences. Understanding every type of diversity, including race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, socio-economic background, religion, and upbringing, will give us value to employers and allow Hamilton students to stand out in a crowded job market.

A commitment to diversity helps everyone, so Hamilton needs to hold itself to a higher standard. We at the Social Justice Initiative are trying to get us there. We have developed and pursued a set of key diversity goals this semester, including adjustments to the curriculum, to the institution, and to the campus. Many of these goals have been proposed before, such as by the Diversity Task Force set up by the College in 2001. But progress has been slow. To make these changes happen, we need your support.

In terms of curriculum, we support a discussion about diversity in freshman orientation, a first year seminar focusing on diversity, and a diversity-intensive requirement. This last proposal would work like a writing-intensive requirement, allowing students to fulfill their obligation with a wide variety

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Responses from the SJI Incident Report Form

"While sitting in Commons with my best friend, a white male student yelled across the dining hall 'hey colored person.' He then proceeded to justify his statement by saying that 'That's the kind of thing I can say here at Hamilton College and get away with.'"

"Walking through a party in Milbank, I have been called a f**t."**

"During a class discussion, another student was using the term 'poor people' as synonymous with 'black people' and 'rich people' as a synonym for 'white people.'"

"Another student began talking to me in Spanish and a white Bon Appetit staff member told him 'speak English, this is America.'"

"In my [Government] class, I did not feel like I could express any of my opinions because I saw issues from a social and marginalized perspective. I was told that my perspective was inappropriate for the class.... Automatically because my perspective was not respected I did not want to participate."

"I have experienced an incident when two white males referred to an Asian person as a 'f*ing, smart ch**k.' To me, this is one specific incident out of many where people will just use derogatory language."**

Thumbs up

Being home with family for Thanksgiving.

Laser Tag: Apparently you are not allowed to pistol whip people, but you are allowed to shoot fking lasers at each other? Ok, that makes no sense.**

According to STAND, 6% of Hamilton students care about genocide. I guess that makes people who care about genocide losers.

Us, for being smart and funny enough to make up things we care about for thumbs up, because actually, we hate everything (except genocide).

Thumbs down

Being home with family for Thanksgiving.

Rodents of Unusual Size in the Commons basement: And you thought you were eating chicken.

107.3 FM and 102.5 FM have been replaced by Christmas Carols and Christian rock: Hey Jesus, hands off my crunchy tunes.

Illness: Next time keep it in your pants so the entire campus doesn't come down with tuberculosis and rickets.

Health center: You couldn't cure a paper cut.

by Steve Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

Who Cares

"Oh hey, how was your break?"

Meg Mooney: Sorry, but everyone knows that women comedians are just not as funny as men. Oops, that was sexist. What we meant to say is that *womyn* comedians are not as funny as men.

Life guarding at the pool: If people continue to not swim, I'm going to continue to smoke pot on the pool deck.

"If I were not a Buffer, I'd tell you what I'd be"...wait I'm not a buffer, and no one cares that you are.

You've got one last chance: Steve's going abroad next semester so we need someone to replace him. Email specii@hamilton.edu if you're interested.

How to Take Action

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courses. These classes could be placed in any department where faculty are willing to teach about other cultures. A large number of courses already exist to fulfill this requirement (an informal count of courses dealing with race alone showed 59 courses across 16 departments in this academic year).

Some students might balk at requirements in an open curriculum. But cultural knowledge is a valuable skill that, like writing or mathematics, is critical to success (if the previous statements of Fortune 500 companies are to be believed). If you want a cultural education, then a requirement gives you that extra push to take a diversity course in a limited schedule; for those who do not desire to expand their horizons, a required course would at least expose them to another point of view.

Institutionally, we support more diversity in faculty and staff hiring, diversity training for student leaders who represent Hamilton to the outside world, and clearer hate policies regarding hate crimes. By better defining hate crimes rules, advocating for stiffer penalties for harassment, and setting up an unambiguous avenue of complaint, we think we can reduce intolerant incidents on campus.

Lastly, one of our central proposals involves the creation of a new Cultural Awareness Center. Such a building, constructed in a visible space on campus, would include meeting and storage spaces for cultural organizations, space for lectures, a library and gallery space for multicultural works, and an office for a Director of Diversity to provide programming for the Center.

This facility would be a great space for lectures, learning about cultures, meeting, or studying. Groups like the Rainbow Alliance would gain a better home base from which to work, and new cultural organizations could find representation in the Center. This would be a tremendous opportunity for all of us to explore our own unique cultural ties. While waiting for such a Center to be completed, we also are requesting renovations to the Afro-Latin Cultural Center, which currently lacks the space to serve existing multicultural groups.

These are our goals, and we have contacted administration officials (including the Dean of Students) and faculty members about many of them. There has been some progress already; about 49 faculty and staff have signed a petition with proposals similar to ours. Now, we ask for the support of students. If we want to achieve the goal of a diverse education, we must come together behind these programs.

If you support these goals of the Social Justice Initiative, please sign your name to our petition online (*htttp://my.hamilton.edu/college/its/survey/index.html?id=628*), at the Drop Beats Not Bombs party in the Tolles Pavilion (Annex) on Friday night (9 p.m. - 1 a.m.), or by emailing your name and comments to sji@hamilton.edu. I especially encourage candidates for student offices to underline their commitment to this issue with a signature.

If you help to bring these goals about, you will create an environment of tolerance. You will draw a line in the sand that prejudice cannot step over. You will be able to develop your own skills to compete in the global marketplace. You will establish programs that will endure beyond our four years on the Hill, transforming Hamilton into a place that leads the way in creating a world we want to live in.

Overheard at Hamilton

"And that is why I told you not to put the rum and coke on the chinchilla cage."
- Junior female standing next to a spilled drink and a chinchilla cage

"I'm like a God, of sorts."
- Sophomore female plotting

"It's not like we have 6 foot tall guys riding us from behind."
- Junior female answering questions after a class presentation

"I need to take my dick cream or else the rash will spread to my thighs."
- Senior jock in front of C-J

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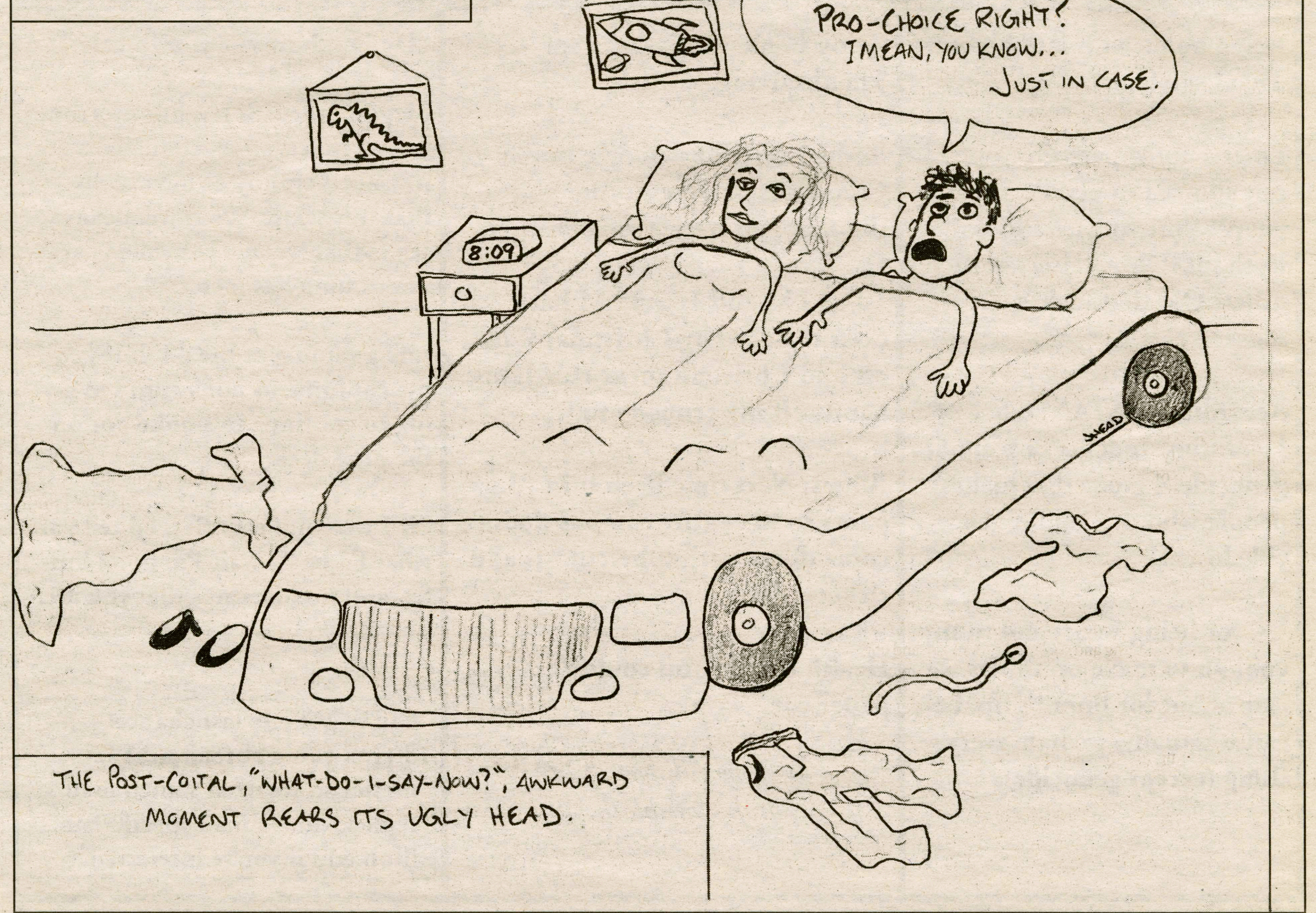

From the Desk of the President: Diversity at Hamilton

President Joan Hinde Stewart offers insights, ideas and information about issues of importance to the Hamilton Community and the role of the administration in working with students and faculty to effect positive change and positive policy at Hamilton College.

I have the editorial staff of the *Spectator* to thank for their openness to an occasional contribution on my part, and so am planning to write periodically about some of the things on my mind and, I believe, on yours. I welcome suggestions and reactions. Today I'll provide an update on what we are doing in the area of diversity.

"Diversity" is not a problem to be solved; in the broadest sense, it is both a fact and an ideal for a college such as ours. I foresee a future in which Hamilton will become – inevitably and gratefully – ever more diverse. We must prepare for that future by enlarging our understanding of each other and by practicing respect and civility to each and every one of our community.

While Hamilton College will become increasingly diverse, it is already a more diverse campus than it was five years ago. The increase is due in large measure to the efforts of our office of admission and financial aid to recruit historically underrepresented students. But formal diversity does not necessarily change mindsets or ways of living, as I suggested at Convocation last August, and Hamilton (like colleges and communities the world over) sometimes faces threats to inclusiveness. Recent campus events make clear that we have work to do in order to ensure that everyone here feels like, and is, a full-fledged member of our community.

Associate Deans Allen Harrison and Steve Yao are charged with helping us realize that vision and I am asking that they, Deans Thompson and Urgo meet as a group in order to clarify the interface between their offices and the appropriate lines of reporting for concerns and complaints on the part of affected individuals and groups.

Taking inspiration and direction from the Diversity Strategic Plan of November 2004, the deliberations and recommendations of the Campus Planning Committee and the suggestions of the student Social Justice Initiative, I am initiating additional actions that will, I hope, improve our community's embrace of difference.

In the very short term, we will improve the ALCC building. Dean Thompson is meeting with students, faculty and staff to plan for upgrading and renewal that can be undertaken by spring to make the building better suited to the activities it supports. In the longer term, we intend for the proposed renovation of ELS as student activity space to celebrate the diverse cultures and interests of our student body. Just how that should be accomplished and what the relationship of a new ELS and the ALCC should be are not a matter of universal agreement, so we will need continued conversations with students.

At a meeting this fall of the planning committee, faculty and staff who had participated last summer in a workshop on inclusiveness suggested that our Web site be evaluated. I have therefore directed that the dean of admission and financial aid and vice president for information technology work with others to assess our site with respect to its representation of multicultural students, activities, and academic programs. They will review content and presentation of information from the point of view of prospective students, current members of the campus community and other audiences, and make appropriate changes by the end of spring.

Dean Yao will work with the director of Institutional Research to establish an "equity scorecard," an instrument that should help give us an evolving picture of our successes and shortcomings in these areas.

We are also evaluating the advisability of engaging an outside group to work with us on support for diversity. The National Coalition Building Institute (www.ncbi.org) has been mentioned. If we are to take this step, we would want to move forward soon. I welcome your reactions to this suggestion along with any information you may have about the NCBI's work elsewhere.

Dean Thompson is reviewing the role of the annual new student orientation program in teaching and supporting tolerance and understanding, and Dean Urgo will charge the strategic planning subcommittees on academic program, faculty and staff recruitment and retention, and student recruitment and retention with initiating improvements in our diversity and inclusivity missions. I should add, in particular, that the deans, trustees and I are well aware that funding for financial aid needs to be increased and we are continually working on ways to accomplish this. Hamilton's recent decision to end merit scholarships freed approximately one million dollars annually for need-based aid.

These actions are not the only ones we will take – or have taken. I expect to report soon on ongoing or completed initiatives of the past few years. Meanwhile, if you would like to collaborate on any of the efforts I've just mentioned, please contact the person in charge or let me know.

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From Where I Sit: "Toto, We're Not in Kenya Anymore!"

By Lydia Rono '11
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Lydia is an international student from Kenya.

Have you ever thought of how you will adapt to a foreign culture when you go abroad? You may not have because you are planning to go to New York or Washington D.C. for your semester off campus. If you are planning to go to another country with a completely different culture, you may have had to think about all the things that are involved in living in a country unfamiliar to your own. There is fear present in your thoughts, but it is surpassed by the excitement of going to a new place and knowing that you will learn a lot there, culture included. Saying this is one thing, living it is another. My transition to the United States introduced me to different elements of culture shock, which surprised me: making friends with people from all over the world (not just Americans) and missing my country's food and markets.

Theoretically, the transition seems simple, but I can humbly admit it is not fun practically. No one will argue that meeting new people and making new friends is fun, but it becomes fun when you know the culture or after you have learned more about the everyday customs of the culture. Someone back me up when I say it is not easy to be friends with someone if you are still marveling at what he or she is doing! I arrived in time to go to the Boilermaker and there I saw people drinking beer after the race, and then, when classes started, I saw students drinking beer on the weekends. I had to learn to accept new customs without making judgments.

I had never thought much about the concept of culture shock before I decided to study here. I had only heard people say they had heard the words 'culture shock." I didn't know what it was, so it didn't make any sense to me. I didn't really know what I was in for. It is true that you never realize how or what something is before you have had a chance to experience it for yourself and by yourself.

I believe one of the causes of culture shock is the overwhelming nostalgia that sets in when you realize where you are and how far away home is. I come from Lessos, a village in western Kenya. Feeling disconnected from your family is frustrating and stressful especially if you have never been separated from them before. I arrived here just five months ago, but it seems like years. I feel as if I am in the middle of nowhere. Questions like "Are your parents coming for family weekend?", "Will you go back home for the summer?", "How did you learn about Hamilton College?" are questions that, though sincere, are inescapable and make you ask yourself, "Do I really belong here?"

"Mbili na sow, moja na finche? Tishati poa kabisa!" This is a common expression in the Kenyan open-air markets. It means buy two nice T-shirts at a hundred shillings. (Approximately 2 US dollars) It may sound silly to some if I say I miss my country's open-air markets. The noisy, dusty, and confusing conditions may make people think I am crazy to like the markets. However, I know the feeling of community and sociality contiguous to the market surpasses all its disadvantages. In fact, the noise is just the farmers and the traders trying to convince customers that their items are the best. Another good thing is the fact that you can buy an item for almost half the marked price, if you know how to use your words correctly. The more you bargain, the cheaper you will buy the product.

You may not believe food can be a culture conflict until you get a menu that is completely void of anything you have ever tasted or even heard of before. My first weeks in the US were marked with sheer amazement and unexpected disappointment. You may not realize, I was surprised particularly with how Americans eat potatoes. Before I came here, I would never have thought to eat an unpeeled potato. My mum would always get mad at me if a piece of potato skin remained on the potato after peeling it. In this country, it is such an everyday practice to serve potatoes with skins! In the first few weeks, every time I tasted something that looked appealing to my eyes, I would be disappointed. The sushi in Commons looks beautiful, but it's doesn't taste as good as it looks. It is very frustrating, not because I expect African food here but because I just can not get the taste of the food. Nothing tastes good to me and Americans just don't get it.

Culture shock is inevitable and confusing but overcoming it is a sure step forward. New students from different countries come here every year, so you may have heard all this before. But you know what? When a person overcomes culture shock, it does not mean that the missing goes away. It just means that he or she is becoming more comfortable being in the new culture. So I say to the international students on campus and those who travel to study abroad, "Be careful, don't get so comfortable with the new foreign culture to the extent that you feel alienated from your native culture when your time is up." Remember what Dorothy learned in the Land of Oz, "There's no place like home."

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What's Cookin' in the CoOp: How to Cope with Exams And Flu!

By Amelia Conlon '08
Features Contributor

As exams come to a head, the kitchen is filled with hungry, hungry CoOpers on the prowl for something sweet to munch on to feed our bedraggled brains. Cowgirl cookies are healthy enough to justify eating three or four, delicious warmed and dunked into coffee at any hour, but sweet enough to appease the Augustus Gloop in all of us.

Cowgirl Cookies
Modified from Moosewood Desserts, 'Cowboy Cookies'

1 ½ cups butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup white flour
1 cup wheat germ
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cloves
½ teaspoon coriander
2 cups rolled oats
2 cups dried tart cherries
2 cups chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°

In a large bowl cream sugars, brown sugar and butter. Add eggs and vanilla beating well after each addition. In a separate bowl combine whole wheat and white flour, wheat germ, salt, baking soda and baking powder. Add cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves and coriander. Add the dry ingredients to the butter and sugar mixture, blend well. Mix in the oats. With a large spoon or your hands fold in the cherries and chocolate chips. The dough will be fairly stiff.

On unoiled baking sheets, drop heaping spoonfuls of dough about 4 inches apart. Bake for about 12 minutes, until golden. Cool completely before storing in an air tight container.

Synonymous with finals week is flu season. A hearty soup can make any sick Hamiltonian feel warmed to the soul and well enough to knock out those last pages of reading. Jenny Karl made us this vegetable soup on Monday and we have been greedily eating the leftovers since.

Veggie soup
(from Deborah Karl)

1 ½ cups dried kidney beans
3-4 cloves of garlic
1 large onion
5 tablespoons olive oil
3 large potatoes
4 carrots
4 zucchinis
Salt and pepper
2 teaspoons basil
1 teaspoon oregano
Pinch of celery seed
Pinch of marjoram
Head of savoy cabbage
½ cup rice
1 ½ cups frozen green beans
Large can of diced tomatoes
Parmesan cheese

Soak 1 1/2 cups dried kidney beans overnight in enough water to keep them covered. Drain & put in large pot with 4 quarts of water; 3 or 4 cloves garlic peeled & pressed; 1 large onion chopped; and 5 Tbs olive oil.
Simmer for 1 1/2 hrs.

Scrub 3 large potatoes thoroughly under running water. Cut into large pieces without peeling. Slice 4 carrots & 4 zucchini & add all to pot. Season with salt & pepper; 2 tsp basil; 1 tsp oregano; pinch of celery seeds; and pinch of marjoram. Simmer for 45 minutes.

Thinly slice half a small head of cabbage & add to soup along with 1/2 cup long-grain rice. Add more water if needed. Simmer for 20 minutes.

Add 1 1/2 cups frozen green beans; one large can diced tomatoes (or 6 or 7 fresh tomatoes, chopped). Simmer for five minutes.

Serve with plenty of grated parmesan cheese to add as desired.

"What's Cookin' in the CoOp" is a collection of yummy concoctions from the CoOp kitchen at the Wollcott house.

FEATURES WINTER SPECIAL

Smart Shopping: Holiday Season! What Should I Wear?

By Fenglin Zhao '09
Features Columnist

How I miss those days back in high school, when I had to wear a uniform and had approximately twenty more minutes of sleep every morning. Nowadays, I wake up every morning to face the eternal problem of my life: a closet full of clothes but nothing to wear. I am amazed at how much crap I've bought over the years and how I've worn most of it less than ten times. Here's a little tip for shopping: don't consider buying if there is even a second of hesitation. If you are not compulsively obsessed with shopping and want to spend your money well, and most importantly, spend less time worrying what to wear in the morning, make sure you arm your closet with the following pieces:

1. Sweater Dress

If you still haven't got one for yourself, you really should get on it now. Sweater dress is the cutest thing that pretty much makes you gorgeous with tights and leather boots. It's perfect for both short jacket and long pea coat. I am crazy about anything that's puff sleeved.

2. Cardigans

Forget about hoodies and sweatshirts, once you graduate, they can only be worn in the gym and kitchen. When my friend Gabi and I went shopping over the break, she bought a cardigan based on my saying: "it looks cute."

3.The perfect boot cut jeans

Get them unless you plan on wearing sneakers or flip-flops all winter.

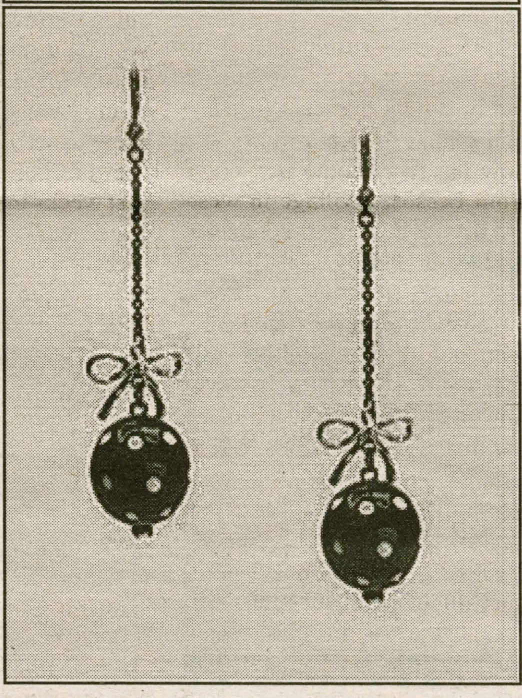
4. Accessories

Even when you are miserable and all bundled up, don't forget accessories are the secret weapon that make you stand out among a sea of sweaters and other winter gear.

Puff sleeve sweater dress ($49, bananarepublic.com)

Fluffy babydoll cardigan ($98, Bloomingdales.com)

Miss sixty marvel plus jeans ($180, misssixty.com)



Betsey Johnson Drop Polka Dot Bead Earrings w/ Bow ($40, betseyjohnson.com)

Lotions and Potions: Holiday Season! What Products Should I Use?

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

The holiday season is upon us! Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the end of finals all present ample opportunities for p-a-r-t-y-i-n-g!! Whether it's a simple family gathering where grandma asks you why you're still single, or a classy ELS party where you can't see exactly who you're grinding with, holiday parties present a bit of a make-up conundrum. Here are our ideas for the winter season:

Bobbi Brown Long Wear Gel Eyeliner:

"Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" is a song, not what your face should look like. For mistake proof smoky eyes, ones that can be subtle or whorish, try this gel eyeliner.

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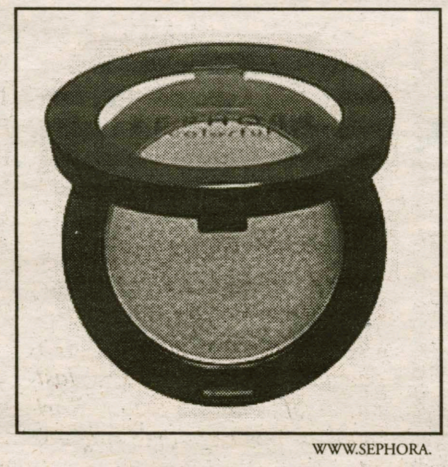
Sephora Colorful Pearl Mono Eyeshadow in Pearl No. 1:

You know how white pants make your butt look huge? Well, white eyeshadow makes your eyes like enormous. I think that this looks really cool with a berry lip. Festive, but fresh.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John Frieda Brilliant Brunette Shine Release Shampoo:

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* **Department of Labor's Career Guide to Industries**
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Weekly Charts

by Jacob Murray '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC

(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Noel- Josh Groban
2. As I Am- Alicia Keys
3. Dreaming Out Loud- OneRepublic
4. Enchanted Soundtrack- Various Artists
5. Let It Snow- Micheal Buble

Top Songs

1. Low- Flo Rida
2. No One- Alicia Keys
3. Apologize- Timbaland
4. Kiss Kiss- Chis Brown
5. Clumsy - Fergie

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Enchanted
2. This Christmas
3. Beowulf
4. Hitman
5. Bee Movie
6. Fred Claus
7. August Rush
8. American Gangster
9. Stephen King's The Mist
10. Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium

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(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez
2. THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH by Ken Follett
3. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
4. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
5. Halo: CONTACT HARVEST, by Joseph Staten

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1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
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3. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
4. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
5. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls

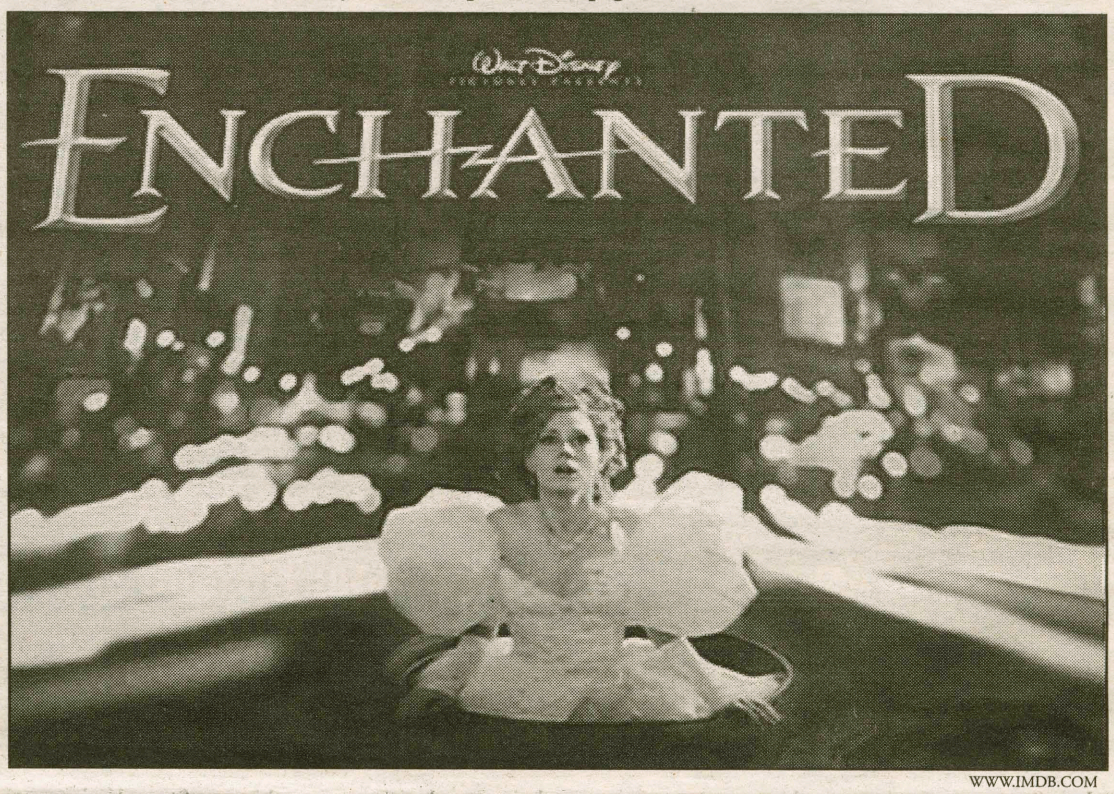
Disney's Newest Release Enchanted Combines Live Action and Animation

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Hopeless romantics and cynical realists have never before found such a movie that could be so agreeable to both. Yes, *Enchanted*, which came out last Friday, is the best of both worlds in an overall entertaining performance that will leave you (as well as your innocent younger siblings) grinning. The film begins in the animated fairytale kingdom of Andalasia where a beautiful maiden, Giselle (Amy Adams), awaits the kiss of her true love, who is, of course, a prince (Prince Edward, played by James Marsden). However, the prince's evil stepmother, Queen Narissa (Susan Sarandon) wants to prevent this match at all costs. So, she sends Giselle to a place "where there are no happy endings"—New York City, of course. Giselle then solicits the kind assistance of divorce lawyer and relationship-realist Robert Philip (Patrick Dempsey).

Well, you can probably guess what happens in the end, but the trip getting there is anything but ordinary. Considering that this is a Disney film with at least some animation, it's no surprise that *Enchanted* perpetuates all those stereotypes associated with Disney princesses—the damsel in distress, the absurdly poofy dresses, and the uncanny kinship with the animal kingdom.

However, this film presents the stereotypes with an endearingly rational tongue-in-cheek attitude. For example, Giselle cleans Robert's apartment with the help of rats, pigeons and cockroaches and continually gets her ridiculous hoop skirt caught in doorways. Young or old, naïve or jaded, romantic or realistic, the synthesis of opposite views on love and relationships in *Enchanted* is sure to delight crowds of all demeanors.



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Enchanted. Disney's newest film, is the perfect film for romantics and skeptics alike.

Hamilton Horoscopes

By Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer

Aries: If school is starting to get you down, take time to stop and smell the roses. But since all plant life in upstate New York is withered and dead, you might just get more depressed.

Taurus: You march to the beat of your own drum. Which is being beaten by a retarded four year old.

Gemini: Don't concern yourself with things beyond your control. You would've failed your test even if you had studied instead of playing Edward Forty Hands.

Cancer: Soon, extraordinary circumstances will force you to reveal your true identity. Perhaps the people of Hamilton will be more accepting of your true self… REPTAR!

Leo: Early to bed early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise. In your case late to sleep, late to wake, makes a man drunken, horny, and baked.

Virgo: Do not live in the past, that's where all the horrible things you've done live, and they want to eat your soul.

Libra: Cleanliness is next to Godliness. So that puts you somewhere next to Satan.

Scorpio: The position of Saturn's moons in respect to Mercury's erratic appearances can only mean one thing: you are probably gay.

Sagittarius: Love comes in all shapes and sizes… *human* shapes and sizes you sick f***.

Capricorn: Sticks and stones can break your bones but words can never hurt you. Too bad the assassins coming to your dorm have sticks and stones.

Aquarius: Your fear of commitment stems from your lack of work ethic, which stems from your alcoholism, which stems from your loveless childhood. Damn, good luck with that.

Pisces: Let me leave you with a thought: Turning into an eagle would be fun… but would you be smart enough to remember to turn back?

New to Me Review: *The Truman Show*

By Jennifer Mitchell '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Are you sick of scouring Blockbuster's New Release displays, trying to find a movie you haven't seen? Are you tired of seeing movies with "Long Wait" statuses pile up in your Netflix queue? Read my weekly article to discover great movies that are new to you.

This week's 90's gem is the drama/science-fiction "The Truman Show". This movie, released in 1998, prophesied the coming decade's fascination with reality television. The film follows insurance salesman Truman Burbank as he undergoes his daily routines, going to work, mowing the lawn, and having a beer with his buddy.

The twist of this movie is that we are not the only ones watching. Our protagonist's entire existence has been captured and broadcasted worldwide by a network of cameras hidden throughout his hometown. The catch is that Truman has absolutely no idea. The movie travels between Truman's manufactured world, the room from which his world is controlled, and the private homes of his captive audience. When Truman begins to suspect the true nature of his world, the contest is on to see if our hero can outwit his keepers and escape his comfortable prison.

"The Truman Show" has many things to offer an audience: an original concept, a well-paced and suspenseful plot, and outstanding performances by all members of the cast. As someone who is admittedly not Jim Carrey's biggest fan I was incredibly surprised to find how much I liked him in this role. I found Carrey's Truman to be charmingly quirky, but surprisingly believable. I was also impressed with the performance of Ed Harris as Christof, the creator of Truman's universe. This movie's biblical metaphor casts this character as God to Truman's Adam and Harris plays the role brilliantly. Christof exudes the quiet arrogance of a man who lives to control others while still hinting at a parental affection for his puppet. Everyone should see this movie, if only for the final scene in which these two characters collide and Truman must choose between his Eden and the forbidden fruit of knowledge.

From The Oldies to the Present, Locksley Rocks

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts and Entertainment Writer

The band Locksley is what happens when you put The Beetles and garage rock in a blender and press puree. The band brings the classic style of bands like The Beetles, The Kinks, and The Ramones and combines that with their own modern style, in a sense recreating a present day British Invasion.

The raucous energy generated by Locksley, demonstrated both in live performances and on their albums, keeps listeners dancing for hours. With simplistic but precise lyrics, harking to quintessentially 60's rock music, Locksley astounds music lovers of all generations.

The band's name, Locksley, comes from the British land where the story of Robin Hood originated. The four-piece Wisconsin band moved to Brooklyn in 2004. Locksley encountered much strife on their journey to New York City; the 14 hour drive took 46 hours and included such memorable events as their trailer coming off on the New Jersey turnpike. Upon arriving in the city, they experienced further distress; they were evicted from their first apartment because they were too loud, and two days after moving into their second apartment, they were robbed of all their music equipment. In June 2004 they independently released their first album *Safely from the City*, and in 2005 they released their self-titled EP, which received rave reviews from New York Daily News and Alternative Press. After playing in a Delaware music festival, Locksley caught the eye of an MTV executive, who later bought the rights to use their songs in shows such as "The Freshman." The band also wrote the theme song for the show "Why Can't I Be You?" On January 16, 2007 they released their latest album, *Don't Make Me Wait*.

Locksley has opened for such bands as OK Go, We Are Scientists, The Dandy Warhols, and The Rapture. They are currently on tour with Hanson.

The band comprises Jesse LazHirsch (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Kai Kennedy (lead guitar, vocals), Aaron Collins (bass, vocals), and Sam Bair (drums).

"Don't Make Me Wait" is a breathless whirlwind of a song on their latest album. Starting out strong, and only increasing in furiousity, the song is one of the best. The melodic lyrics and the band's jubilant enthusiasm make listeners want to bring out their go-go boots and oversized sunglasses and start dancing in the street. With lyrics like, "one look was all it took and everything was said my darlin' / one look was all it took and you were in my head my darlin' / I stood like an open book waiting to be read my darlin' / one look was all it took and you were in my head my darlin'," listeners know not to take this song completely seriously, but the song brings up a montage of images from a great time.

The song "The Past and Present" is particularly interesting because the majority of it is dialogue is between a man and a woman whom he meets at a party, and after they wind up at her place, he finds out that she has a boyfriend. This makes the song a bit confusing, and almost makes it seem like a lyric ballad, but it also creates most of the attraction for the song: "He would never know, and though I would, she swears, 'he won't,/and it was a small mistake.'/ 'You really can't blame me, but I'm pretty sure that he has something else to say.'" The song ends sadly, with the two of them trying to forget one another. However, Locksley is so energetic, that unless listeners are paying attention to the lyrics, they will not realize the ending.

Bringing all that was wonderful about British rock, from music style to matching outfits and haircuts, to present day listeners, Locksley is a stunning band to listen to.

LOST Offers New Clips

By Jacob Murray '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Sick of waiting to find out the fates of the Oceanic 815 passengers, who left us with a massive cliffhanger at the end of season three? Avid Lost fans are becoming anxious about the show's future, due to its unconfirmed nine-month hiatus, as well as the devastating writers strike that has already crippled popular shows such as The Office and Heroes. So what is in store for producer J.J. Abrams' hit show? In actuality, Lost is poised to perform better than most primetime shows due to its late start date, which will be sometime near the end of February. Producers Damon Lindelof and Carlton Cuse wanted to push back the start date in order to have 16 consecutive episodes without any weekly breaks. Although many fans were in opposition to this change, Lost may benefit greatly due to the writers strike. According to the producers, eight episodes of the fourth season have already been written, meaning that ABC can fill its timeslot until the end of April. The network will rely on Lost to bolster ratings, seeing as it will be the only returning show that will be airing new episodes.

Lost Season Four will begin in February 2008.

Not only have the producers prepared for the lack of writers in the upcoming weeks, but they have also solidified a spot on ABC primetime for the next three years. On May 7th, 2007, Stephen McPherson, President of ABC Entertainment, revealed that Lost has been picked up until the 2009-2010 season, where the writers will conclude the series. Each of the three remaining seasons will contain sixteen episodes, aired without interruption. By doing this, the makers ensure that the show will end the way they intended it to, with all questions answered.

In the meantime, ABC has given us a treat to hold us over until February 2008. For the past three weeks, ABC.com has posted webisodes of Lost, titled "Lost: Missing Pieces." Each webisode, each about 2 minutes in length, shows interactions between characters that we have never seen before. For example, the first contains a conversation between Jack Sheppard (Matthew Fox) and his father Christian Sheppard (John Terry), right before Jack is about to get married. ABC plans on airing ten more of these webisodes, which will lead right into the fourth season premiere in February.

Hot (Cold?) New Playlist

by Melissa Balding '09 and Heather Finney '09

Are you sick of suicide watch because of seasonal depression? Enjoy the extreme temperatures with songs that celebrate all things hot and cold. You can also use this playlist to piss off your neighbor when you instigate a private dance party because it's too cold to get free beer from societies desperate for pledges. N.B. Freshmen, you have to stop complaining. Grow a sack – it's going to get a hell of a lot colder before it warms up…in August. Sorry if this comes off a little harsh… cry about it. We'll call the WAAAmbulence for you… oh dear, I guess seasonal affective disorder has started to eat away at us too.

Missy Elliot – I Can't Stand the Rain

A stunning departure from the crunk rap that defines most of her creative career, this track has a little more sensuous R&B undertones with the aroma of her usual sexual innuendos. Like any fine wine, Missy gets better with age and no matter how much you listen to her, its not enough.

Of Montreal – Wraith Pinned To The Mist and Other Games

Break out your skinny jeans and American Apparel shirts – its indie rock star time! Don't sweat the small stuff – it may be an Indie song title, but you don't have to be a scene-ster to appreciate this song. It should be called, "Let's Pretend We're in Antarctica" but in reality you don't have to pretend that you're in Antarctica - you're already in Central New York.

Red Hot Chili Peppers – Snow (Hey Oh)

The longer you've been here the more you know about how 'snow' can take on many meanings. If you feel this song lives up to any of them it's your idea not ours. Were just working from a theme here… and it's a sweet song.

Vanilla Ice – Ice Ice Baby

A truly inexplicable song, but a good one to keep in mind as you cross the Martin's Way bridge trying not to bust your ass in front of the Dinner staff – you know they're waiting for some dumb ass to get laid out. So are we…. Seriously.

Frank Sinatra – The Best Is Yet To Come

We were going to put on "Come Rain or Shine" which obviously matches the theme a tad more when we realized that we just like this song more, a lot more. One of old blue eyes' best.

Snoop – Drop It Like Its Hot

When things are bad you should drop them as if they were too hot to hold, suggest Snoop. Brilliant advice, thanks Snoop. Good thing I didn't ask Oprah.

Jameriquai – Canned Heat

This boogie is for real. Ignore the fact that this song wraps up the movie *Center Stage*, you can still use this to institute a private dance party when it gets too cold for Bundy. Well lets face it, its always too cold to trek to Bundy…even in July. I keep my canned heat next to my can of woop-ass, next to my hearts of palm.

Bina Mistry – Hot Hot Hot

Something…something…HOT! HOT! HOT! …something… something… FEELIN' HOT! HOT! HOT!… something…OLAY! OLAY! OLAY!….something…HOT! HOT! HOT! You get the idea.

Mimz – This Is Why I'm Hot

He's hot 'cause he's fly, you ain't 'cause you not. This is why he's hot. So why are you hot? I hope it's not because you believe what that drunk freshman girl told you the other night right before she spewed in the corner of the Bundy dining hall.

Drunk Driving Incidents and the Holiday Season: Why the Danger Level is High During the Holidays

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

Drunk driving is always a problem. According the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over 17,000 Americans die every year in alcohol-related vehicle crashes. But the risk is especially high, and the danger especially great, during the holiday season. Incidents of drunk driving rise an estimated average of 50 percent during the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, and fatalities rise 45 percent. Since 1981, every President of the United States has declared December National Drunk and Drugged Driving Month in response to the danger.

The most obvious reason for increased holiday drunk driving is increased holiday drinking. Egg nog and other holiday-based beverages traditionally increase alcohol revenues at bars, coffee shops, and supermarkets by as much as 35 percent, and the link with drunk driving appears straightforward.

Experts, however, are quick to point ou that increased levels of drunk driving during the holidays cannot be expained that easily. Dr. Julie Gerderbing, Director of the CDC, said at a meeting on holiday drunk driving two weeks ago, "The holidays bring people into the drinking scene who usually don't drink. The holiday atmosphere relaxes social norms. People who don't drink are drinking and people who drink are drinking more." Dr. Gerderbing was quick to point out that experienced drinkers don't, contrary to popular myth, drive better than inexperienced drinkers while drunk. "When people are drunk, they drive poorly. That's a fact," she said in response to a question. The major deciding factor, she explained, is that people who drink habitually are more likely to be aware of the dangers of drunk driving and so to use a cab service or designate a sober driver at a party.

Police traditionally are out in force during the holiday season. Police in New York State, for example, have pledged to double patrols this holiday season and prosecute unmercifully. "If you're drinking and driving this holiday season, believe us: we will find you," promises one advertisement, part of a public relations bid to lower drunk driving accidents.

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Accidents like the one pictured unfortunately tend to occur more frequently during the holiday season because people are more likely to drink.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond D. Kelly addressed the issue at a press conference last month, saying, "We will be on the streets. Count on it." He also pointed out that holiday accidents can be particularly dangerous since they are more likely to involve speeding. "I don't know the reason, but we find more and more accidents involving drinking and speeding around the holidays every year." Scientists are agreed that when it comes to drinking and driving, there is no safe level. Dr. Gerderbing responded to one question by saying, "There's no safe level of drinking and driving like there's no safe level of jumping off a building. It's that simple."

I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas

by Laura Wright '10
Science and Technology Writer

I look forward to going home for the winter break more than any other time of the year. I can't wait to decorate my tree and play in the snow. Dinner with my brother and nights at the movies; I love to be at home. But one of the things I find bothering me more and more, each time I leave Hamilton for a while, is the incredible extent to which consumerism is tied to socialization.

While at Hamilton I can make my way on foot, happily sauntering across campus, surrounded by similar amblers; whenever I leave our campus I find myself bound to my car. It seems that the world is spread so far apart, that I couldn't hope to make it by foot if I tried. And while at Hamilton I might spend an hour or two just relaxing or reading in Opus, the harsh sheen of the counters of coffee bars elsewhere seem to demand that I purchase a beverage in exchange for a seat. Instead of my meal card, I have to use credit and remember the cost of my choice. It can be hard to find entertainment

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Outside Hamilton, there aren't recycling bins in every room, so more effort is needed to recycle daily.

This Week on The Web: ThinkGeek.com - the Perfect Geeky Gift Guide

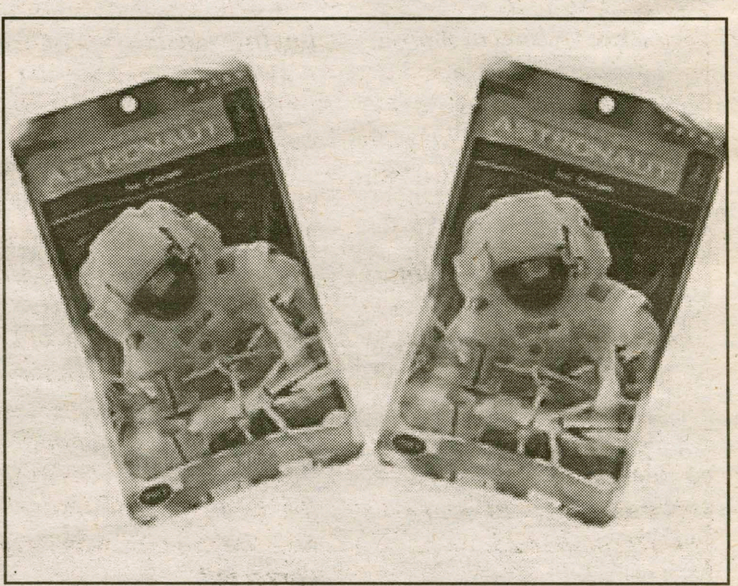
by Kate Tummarello '11
Science & Technology Editor

Rating: (out of 5 beakers)

Looking to get a special gift for that geek in your life? Want to add some geeky gifts to your own holiday wish list? ThinkGeek.com has the perfect assortment of gifts for every geek.

If you go to ThinkGeek.com without knowing exactly what you're looking for, don't worry. Their gift guide is easily found on the homepage. From there, you can find the perfect geeky gift by price, recipient, or interest. Whether you're looking for your girlfriend, someone who's interested in, and understands binary, or only have ten dollars to spend, ThinkGeek.com will give you some ideas and options you won't conveniently find anywhere else.

Since most of my friends are geeks, I decided to do a little random browsing. I was able to find something for every one of my friends, even the not geeky ones, and a few things for myself. Because of the well-located links on the left side of the homepage, I was quickly able to find the perfect category for my friends and me: caffeine. From there I could choose between drinks, candy, and accessories. Both the drinks and the candy are self-explanatory. Under candy you can find caffeinated mints and chocolate covered espresso beans, and under drinks you'll find "ThinkGeek's favorite caffeinated beverage" Bawls.



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Astronaut Ice Cream is one of the many "geeky" items you can purchase at ThinkGeek.com.

Under accessories you can find some pretty different and interesting products. If you though coffee and caffeinated candy was the only way to get the boost you need to get through that early class, you must have overlooked the caffeinated soap, body wash, and lip balm. Believe it or not, all of these things are loaded with caffeine which is absorbed through the skin. Also under accessories you can find bottle openers, straw, and mugs to consume your plain, old, ingested caffeine products, and clothing with a caffeine molecule logo.

Even if you and your friends can function without the help of caffeine, there are geek related t-shirts, hoodies, and jewelry. Under the T-shirts link you can find a shirt that identifies Wi-Fi

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The Science Behind the Season: What Makes a Perfect Toy and How Does that Change in a Modern Society?

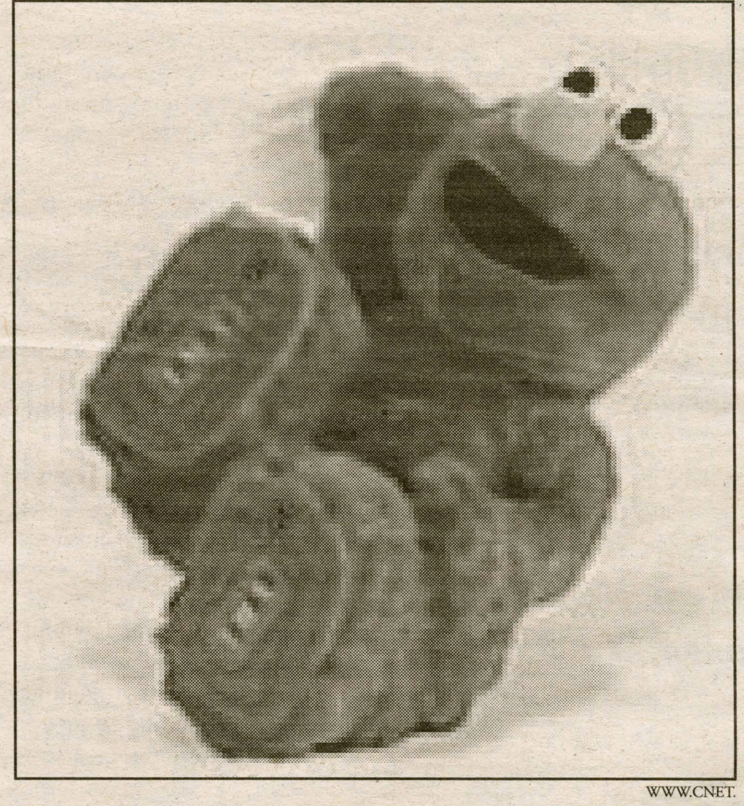
by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

Every parent or older sibling has seen it: two toys look similar on the outside, but a child has a distinct favorite to the point that the other one is completely ignored. What makes a perfect toy, one that is a favorite of millions of children? It's a quetion that parents, grandparents, and toy manufacturers have been asking for centuries. Now, in the world of electronics and instant gratification, the question gets even more complicated. How does a modern toy manufacturer make itself stand out, and what are the psychological principles behind toymaking. What is a child looking for in a toy?

Dr. Willard W. Hartup, child development psychologist and author of *Child Development in Retrospect and Prospect* gave some explanations in an interview on MSNBC last month. "The basic theory of child psychology was proposed by Jean Piaget, and it suggests several levels of development. Young children are basically looking things to chew, bang or cuddle - that is, things that fit into their established behavioral schenes." That explains why traditional stuffed animals and blankets remain popular in the age of technology. Technology is many things, but it's usually not fuzzy.

Toy analyst Dr. John W. Thompson, author of *Why Won't My Child Let Go of His Teddy Bear?*, says stuffed animals will remain viable toys for the forseeable future. "In addition to providing comfort at an early age, the exaggerated facial features on a stuffed animal make it versatile and easily able to adapt to more advanced levels of development when children start playing prentend." But, he warns, technology is changing everything, even the stuffed animal market. "Modern stuffeds like Tickle-Me Elmo are better able to provide immediate gratification at a younger age, and so they're beginning to dominate a sizeable share of the market."

Tickle-Me Elmo came out in 1996 and almost immediately became the best-selling toy for a single production season in history. Dr. Hartup speculated on its success. "For the first time, the toy was interactive, cuddly, and had the added benefit of being a character children saw on their televisions every day. The result was the quintissential mega-toy." Today, more and more toys are basing their operation on the Tickle-Me Elmo model, which Dr. Hartup describes as, "simple interaction, cuddly frame, and connection with a child TV program. While the results are not always as spectacular as Tickle-Me Elmo, which sold over a million units a day for over one hundred days at one point, Dr. Thompson suggests that this phenomenon might be due to simple market saturation more than to a failure in the formula. "I think this model will be around for a long, long time," he said.



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Tickle-Me Elmo provides reinforcement on several different developmental levels and is the classic "mega-toy."

Unfortunately for toy manufacturers, other traditional toys are not faring so well in the modern age of technology. Sales for toy trucks and drums, for example, toys so classic they were included in the carol, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," were down twenty-five percent last holiday season. Even Lego-brand products, which have made extensive efforts to connect to what executive Benjamin Thorndar described as "the modern child," suffered losses. Dr. Thompson explains that these toys suffer because they fail to provide the instant gratification computer-based toys can offer. "The simple fact is that a computer responds a lot faster than a set of blocks."

It's not surprising that technology has invaded the toy market. What is more surprising is the extent to which products such as cellular phones, laptop com

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Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: 'Tis the Season

by Tara Apo '10
Science & Technology Writer

- ***More artificial Christmas trees are displayed each year than real Christmas trees.***
- ***In Japan, Christmas Eve is a popular day to eat fried chicken and strawberry shortcake.***
- ***Charlemagne, a.k.a. Charles the Great, was crowned Roman Emperor on December 25.***
- ***The biggest selling Christmas single of all time is Bing Crosby's "White Christmas."***
- ***A survey found that seven percent of mall Santa applicants had some sort of criminal history.***
- ***34 percent of mall Santa's have been urinated on.***
- ***Picture posing with Santa generates approximately $2,255,750,000 each year.***
- ***During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States.***
- ***Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donner, and Blitzen? Actually, it's Donder, not Donner. The reindeer's name was pronounced incorrectly in the popular book and song, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and the mistake was never corrected.***
- ***The use of a Christmas wreath as a decoration on your front door, mantel or bay window is considered a sign of welcome and strength and long life to all who enter.***
- ***The tradition of putting up stockings at Christmas is thought to have originated from the Dutch; children in Holland would leave out their clogs filled with straw for the reindeer, which in return were filled with goodies.***
- ***The busiest mailing day in 2006 was Dec. 18, with more than twice as many cards and letters being processed as the average on any given day.***
- ***North Carolina and Oregon are the nation's leading Christmas tree producers.***
- ***Approximately 180 Barbie dolls are sold every minute around the world.***
- ***Approximately four million tons of trash is generated annually from gift wrap and shopping bags during the holiday season.***
- ***Over ten million plastic Christmas trees are sold every year; over half are thrown out the same year.***
- ***Around the world, Christmas is celebrated by approximately 2.5 billion people, Hanukkah by 500 million, the winter solstice by 400 million and Kwanzaa by 250 million. and***

The Geeky Gift Guide at ThinkGeek.com

*from **This Week**, page 12*

connections in the area. If gaming is more your thing, there is an especially funny political t-shirt advertising the Mario/Luigi '08 campaign and an animated, battery powered shirt that features a game of table tennis. There's even a shirt that claims to teach Japanese, as long as you only need to know a few words, of course.

By looking at Other Apparel you'll find a hoodie with the pi symbol on it and geek awareness bracelets. Even my dad would be entertained by the ties featuring pictures of space invaders characters, caffeine molecules, pirates, atoms, monkeys, and mathematical formulas.

If clothes aren't what you're looking for there are geek toys, gadgets, and home office supplies. Everyone needs, or at least can be amused by, astronaut ice cream, a marshmallow cannon, and a stapleless stapler. ThinkGeek.com has an interesting assortment of stuffed animals as well. You can find everything from a stuffed Tux, the penguin from Linux, to the Killer Rabbit from Monty Python to a stuffed Yoda. While some of these cuddly things would be less than appealing to actual children, a true geek will appreciate them.

Even the books at ThinkGeek.com are not the usual selection. Here you'll find *Real Ultimate Power: The Official Ninja Book* and *The Visual Guide to Lock Picking*. They also have the traditional, fiction books for geeks like *The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide* and The fiftieth anniversary edition of *Lord of the Rings*. You can even find movie-related products, such as "The Office Space Kit" and "Office Space Box of Flair" from Office Space.

Simple browsing will reveal so many more things worth checking out. Whether you're looking for a specific item or something to amuse your geeky friends, ThinkGeek.com is sure to have something for you.

THE GREATEST DISCOVERIES OF SCIENCE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THOSE THAT FORCED US TO RETHINK OUR BELIEFS ABOUT THE UNIVERSE AND OUR PLACE IN IT.
~ROBERT L. PARK

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOV. 30:
Dr. Sylvia Ceyer, Department of Chemistry, Massachussetts Institute of Technology
"New Surface Reaction Mechanisms: Role of Bulk H in Catalytic Hydrogenation"
2:45 p.m. SCCT 3024
Refreshments will be served

SUNDAY, DEC. 2:
BioMatters Meeting: Help plan the annual Biology Holiday Party!
8:00 p.m. Biology Lounge, SCCT

MONDAY, DEC. 3:
Senior Biology Thesis Presentations:

Jamie Coady '08 "Use of carbon tetrachloride as a functional probe for identifying the terminal ferric reductase in *Geobacter sulfurreducens*"

Adele Paquin '08 "The effects of various phytoplankton diets on the sinking rate and physical characteristics of fecal pellets produced by the marine intertidal copepod, *Tigriopus californicus*"
3:30 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments will be served

MONDAY, DEC. 3:
Dr. Alexei Federov, Department of Medicine, University of Toledo
"Abundance of mRNA secondary structures in the mammalian genomes"
4:10 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments will be served

LOUISE: "HOW DID YOU GET HERE?"
JOHNNY: "WELL, BASICALLY, THERE WAS THIS LITTLE DOT, RIGHT? AND THE DOT WENT BANG AND THE BANG EXPANDED. ENERGY FORMED INTO MATTER, MATTER COOLED, MATTER LIVED, THE AMOEBA TO FISH, TO FISH TO FOWL, TO FOWL TO FROG, TO FROG TO MAMMAL, THE MAMMAL TO MONKEY, TO MONKEY TO MAN, AMO AMAS AMAT, QUID PRO QUO, MEMENTO MORI, AD INFINITUM, SPRINKLE ON A LITTLE BIT OF GRATED CHEESE AND LEAVE UNDER THE GRILL TILL DOOMSDAY."
~FROM THE MOVIE *NAKED*

Designing The Perfect Toy and Why Kids Love Toys So Much

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puters, digital cameras and MP3 players - usually considered adult gadgets - are popping up on the wish lists of children as young as toddler-age.

This year, Amazon.com's "hottest toys" list includes the Easy Link Internet Launch Pad from Fisher-Price (which helps kids access "pre-school appropriate websites") and the Smart Cycle, an exercise bike connected to a video game. Jim Silver, editor of *Toy Wishes* magazine, said there has been "a huge jump in the last twelve months" in toys that involve looking at a screen. In addition, Verizon is expected to launch the first "kid-specific" cellphone by a major manufacturer in time for the new year.

Nevertheless, toy manufacturers are not willing to give in completely to technological toys. Fisher-Price executive James Green points out that, even as Fisher-Price explores new areas of what he terms "family entertainment," 75 percent of revenues for the company come from toys that date back more than twenty years in their design, such as model kitchens. "A child's imagination is better than any computer, even today, and we pride ourselves on providing toys that allow a child's imagination to soar," he said in an interview with CNN.

As for why some children display different tastes than others, Dr. Thompson says that science is still in its early stages on the question. "There are some trends we have found, but sometimes you really just can't account for personal taste."

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Cabbage Patch Kids are another example of a "mega-toy," having sold over 100 million units.

Keeping the Environment Safe and Yourself Sane This Holiday

from I'm Dreaming, page 12

at home that doesn't drag on your wallet most of the time. You meet your friends at the movies, or go for dinner, even if it's only Wendy's. And by the end of the vacation you find that you're broke and sick of the visiting the same places.

our favorite park or I'll invite them over to make some veggie chili and watch a movie. Or we'll make a movie. Claymation films are fantastically fun.... (though often overly ambitious: note, Dragon Prom, never close to complete.) Anna and I painted her dining room chair and Esther and I bake pies for the food

curred from your travel home this holiday break; making the contribution makes me feel a lot better about flying all the way to Europe to head home.

So when you go home this Christmas think about the impact you're making and see if you could get by with consuming less. Instead of PF Chang's,

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Things like board games provide an environmentally friendly and fun alternative to traditional holiday season activities.

So for an active minded anti-consumerist, life during the vacations can be hard pressed for avoiding mindless spending. But what I've tried to do is encourage my friends to socialize without spending money or driving all over town. We're all pretty low on cash almost all of the time and we don't like to put a price on time together. So we go sledding at shelter at Thanksgiving. One of my friends has lots of cats, so we once tried to rally them for a play. Unsuccessfully.

And to offset the carbon emissions of traveling home, some of my friends have taken to calculating their footprint and asking their parents to contribute to offset them. Websites like rainforests2reef.org let you calculate the emissions in-

you could offer to make your family dinner and rally a sibling to help you make a wonderful mess. Or play board games with your parents and let them tell you stories. There are so many ways to have fun without spending money, but sometimes it just takes a little bit of imagination to think them up. So this break, I'm going to get creative and try and leave my wallet at home.

Men's Basketball Team Wins Hamilton Tip-Off Tourney

Return to NCAA Tournament Looks Strong After Four Early Wins

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

Coming into this season, the Hamilton Men's Basketball Team knew that it would be a challenge to replace its top three scorers from last season. Three games into the season, it looks as if the Continentals were up to that challenge and poised to build on last year's success.

Hamilton opened the season by hosting the Hamilton Tip-Off Tournament, which brought four teams from the Northeast together for early competition. In the first round, Hamilton matched up against Medgar Evers College. Although Medgar Evers kept the game close at the beginning, Hamilton proved to be too much, grabbing a 48-25 halftime lead before winning 85-62.

Leading the Hamilton attack was Harlee Wood '09, who scored 14 points to go with his six rebounds. Ramunas Rozgys '09 added 13 points. Jay Simpson '10 put in 12 points, including three three-pointers. Freshman Dayne Harris scored 12 and pulled down seven boards off the bench in his first collegiate action.

After winning the opening round game, Hamilton advanced to the finals where they played the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. This time, Lance Wilson '11 carried the load, scoring 21 points off the bench as the Continentals captured the tournament title with a 92-76 victory. Wood also had a tremendous game, adding 19 points, ten rebounds, and five assists in only 19 minutes. Rozgys added 12 more off the bench, and Kyle Dumas '09 chipped in with 11 points and six boards. Wilson was named to the all-tournament team, and Wood was named the tournament MVP.

A few days later, Emmanuel College in Boston traveled to Scott Field House to take on the Continentals in non-league play. Dumas led the team in this contest with a career high 22 points to pace Hamilton to a 78-74 victory, pushing the team to 3-0 on the season. Rozgys again played an important role, scoring 15, and Jon Ciriello '11 added nine points and seven rebounds. Jay Simpson '10 collected six assists, and Joe Manns '10 racked up three steals.

This past Tuesday, the squad took on Utica College in the first road game of the season. After jumping out to an 11 point halftime lead, Hamilton cruised to the finish, winning 73-63. Once again, Wood led the team in scoring with 14 and added six rebounds and six assists before fouling out. Complementing Wood were Rozgys, Dumas, and Manns, who scored 13, 11, and 10, respectively.

With a variety of leading scorers, Hamilton's depth has made up for its lack of a true superstar. The Continentals have put together a great team effort while focusing on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. They have averaged over 82 points per game while only allowing their opponents to score 68.8 points a game. The three point line has been kind to Hamilton, as the team has made almost eight shots from behind the line per game. However, the most telling fact has been the turnover differential margin of plus 4.8. Strong defensive play has allowed the team to capitalize on their opponent's mistakes.

The next game will take place on December 8 at Middlebury College. Middlebury has not lost at home yet this season, so it will be a big challenge for the Continentals to collect a win. Following the road game at Middlebury, the Continentals' strength will be tested again when they travel to Virginia to participate in the Randolph-Macon Christmas Classic over winter break.

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Harlee Wood '09 drives to the basket for two points.

Do you watch Sportscenter four times a day?

Support the Continentals at every home game?

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Squash Teams Enjoy Success

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Men's and Women's Squash Teams have started off their season with great results. The Lady Continentals opened their season at St. Lawrence to take part in the Liberty League Championships prior to Thanksgiving break. They came into the tournament as the champions from last year and proved to be a difficult opponent en route to their second consecutive championship win. None of the Continentals' three opponents were able to win a match against Hamilton's top nine players.

During the first game, William Smith College could not keep up with the Continentals. Kelly Whipple '10 and Krissy Rubin '10 set the tone for the team by easily beating the Herons top two players in three games each.

In the second match of the tournament, the Lady Continentals took on the host school, St. Lawrence, in what turned into an exciting match. The team was able to face a real challenge yet still come out on top. Leila Clifford '11, Natalie Schwerin '08, and Courteny Kollmer '10 each battled their opponents to five games during their match before coming out on top.

After the victory against St. Lawrence, the championship game awaited Hamilton. The Continentals did not disappoint as they swept Vassar to repeat as tournament champions. Vassar was unable to overcome an injury to its top player and everything came down from there. Hamilton made the victory look easy as many of its players did not allow more than four points during any of their games.

The men also competed at the Liberty League Championships and finished in third place. They came away with a victory in their first match against Hobart College and looked to be on their way to great success until they faced the University of Rochester in the second round.

Rochester's team proved to be too much for the Continentals, as they took control early on in the match. Brett Morell '10 played extremely well in this match by defeating his opponent.

Despite losing to Rochester, Hamilton still looked impressive in its third round game against Vassar. John DeWitt '09 and Ben Clayman '11 were able to gets wins against Vassar's top two players. Sander Doucette '09 and Jono Peters '10 both earned their second victories by plaing in the third and fourth positions, respectively.

In the final match against St. Lawrence, the Continentals showed some inconsistent play in their 7-2 loss. Mario Magana '10 and Andrew Small '08 were the only victors during this match, and many of the players struggled to maintain their leads.

However, the men's team got back on track with a victory against Colgate University this past Tuesday. They earned their third win of the year bringing their season record to 3-2. Small played perfectly, as he did not give up a single point throughout his three game victory. He has shown that he has the talent to lead this team to great success. Magana only surrendered two points on his way to a three game sweep.

By posting a strong start, both Hamilton teams have shown that they can compete successfully. The Lady Continentals travel to Connecticut this weekend to face off against George Washington University, Connecticut College, Wellesley, and Mount Holyoke. These games will present the team with a great opportunity to gain more experience and confidence before they head off to Northhampton, MA for the Smith/Mount Holyhoke Invitational the weekend after returning from Christmas break. The men will take part in the Yale Invitational on January 18 as they prepare for the NESCAC Championships in February.

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Women's Basketball Team Defeats Utica in Home Opener

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The Hamilton Women's Basketball Team kicked off their season with a win and won't be slowing down anytime soon. The Liberty League preseason coaches' poll picked the team to finish first in the regular season standings. The Lady Continentals also begin the 2007-2008 season with a new Head Coach, Sean Mackin.

Hamilton played their season opener in the Kean University Cougar Classic Tip-Off Tournament. They faced McDaniel College in the first round, held at Harwood Arena on November 17. Despite committing 32 turnovers, Hamilton still managed to come out on top due to their 48.1 field goal percentage for the game. Alex Sowinski '10 had four steals. Sydney Fasulo '09 led the team in her eighth career double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Fasulo made 10 of 13 from the field and was the only player to achieve double digits in the points column. The Lady Continentals advanced to the championship game with a 58-48 victory.

The Lady Continentals took on Kean University the following day. Sowinski had another great game, falling just one point short of a double-double. Co-Captain Pumla Sathula '08 was the team leader with 19 points. She made nine of her 11 free-throws. The Continentals had a balanced attack: three of the five starters were in double digits for points, while the other two, Sowinski and Sarah Schrader '09, each had nine points. Unfortunately, Hamilton was unable to keep up with the nationally ranked no. 12 Cougars. The Lady Continentals suffered their first loss of the season, 74-65.

Both Fasulo and Sathula were named to the All-Tournament team. Fasulo was also named Liberty League co-Forward of the week on November 19 following her tournament performance.

The team returned home on November 27 to host Utica College. Hamilton was down by three at the half after a 9-0 Utica run in the last five minutes of the first period. However, the Lady Continentals roared back to gain the lead within the first three minutes of the second half and never trailed again.

Co-Captains Sathula and Jess Barrows '08 both contributed to the win. Sathula led the team with her 25th career double- double: 11 rebounds and 18 points. Barrows finished with 16 points, including four first half three-pointers. Fasulo was close behind with 14 points. Rookie Reisa Asimovic '11 had three steals. Molly Kane '09, who was previously sidelined this season due to injury, made her season debut with eight points and three assists. The team shot 48.4 percent from the field. Hamilton finished with a win over Utica 80-71.

Tomorrow the team hosts St. Joseph College at 1 p.m. in Scott Field House. This game will be the Lady Continental's last home game until they play Middlebury on January 22. Come in out of the snow and be sure to support the Lady Continentals!

PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD

Molly Kane '09 scored eight points in her season debut.

Swim Teams Make Splash Against Hartwick College

Liberty League Championships Take Place This Weekend

by Mallory Reed '10
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The Hamilton Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams dove off to a splashing start to their 2007-2008 season in a quad meet against Ithaca College, Hartwick College, and SUNY Geneseo. On November 17, in Bristol Pool, the Hamilton Women and Men defeated Hartwick College and fell to Ithaca and Geneseo.

Several first-year students swam standout races and finished in top spots to anchor the Continentals. Head Coach T.J Davis said, "It is a challenge to start off the season with three really competitive and traditionally powerful teams, but our swimmers and divers rose to meet that challenge!"

The Hamilton Women's Team (1-2 overall) ousted Hartwick with a score of 133-108 points. Ithaca finished with a score of 126.5 points to Hamilton's 103.5 points and Geneseo captured 141 points against Hamilton's 86 points.

Whitney Rosenbaum '10 returned to lead the Hamilton Women, capturing first place in the 200-yard butterfly with a personal-best time of 2:13.89, and racing to a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:01.33. Kylie Fraser '11 kicked off her collegiate swimming career with a win in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:15.52.

Liz Bucceri '11 captured key points with a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 5:28.05. On the diving boards, Anna Chelius '11 led the Continentals with third-place finishes in both the one meter and three meter events.

The Hamilton Men's Swimming and Diving Team (also 1-2 overall) swam to a win over Hartwick with a score on 125 to 112. The Hamilton Men fell to Ithaca in a score of 126-115 and SUNY Geneseo 131-110.

First-year swimmers also emerged to lead the Hamilton Men. Bowie Sievers '11 raced to two first-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley in a time of 2:00.81 and the 200-yard butterfly in 1:58.52. Jake DeConinck '11 captured the 100-yard freestyle in 48.60 and took second place in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:58.52. Sievers and DeConinck joined Todd Johnston '08 and Jared Mereness '10 for a winning performance in 400-yard medley relay in 3:37.65.

Johnston reemerged as a top scorer, winning the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:59.09. Jason Brown '09 returned with a strong performance in the 1,000-yard freestyle, finishing in first-place in a time of 10:30.90. Zak Krassin '11 led Hamilton on the boards taking second-place on the one meter springboard with 181.15 points.

Coach Davis said, "I was especially impressed by the Medley Relays from both the Men's and Women's Teams. Relays are a good barometer for the program and I believe that both of these relays will prove to be some of the best in the country this year."

Both the Hamilton Men's and Women's Team look to returning and first-year swimmers for a stellar 2007-2008 season. Hamilton returns to the pool at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 30 for the two-day Liberty League Championships at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

Davis said, "I am very optimistic about our chances or improving our place from last season." He added, "I know that we have some amazing events in store and I know that the swimmers and divers are primed to swim fast and dive well at this meet."

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Kerry Coughlin '11 swims the backstroke in the Hamilton Quad Meet on November 17.